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H.B. No. 1148

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to emergency medical services and trauma care systems.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 773, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 773.026 to read as follows:

Sec. 773.026. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COORDINATION PLAN. (a) The administrative hubs designated under Section 773.125, in consultation with each trauma service area regional advisory council and the advisory council established by Section 773.012, shall collectively develop a written 25-year plan for coordinating emergency medical services throughout this state.

(b) The emergency medical services coordination plan must include strategies to provide services for:

- (1) stroke;
- (2) ST-elevation myocardial infarction;
- (3) neonatal care;
- (4) maternal care;
- (5) mental health care; and
- (6) any other area of care provided under the authority of a trauma service area regional advisory council.

(c) The administrative hubs shall develop and submit the emergency medical services coordination plan to the department not later than September 1, 2021. This subsection expires September 1, 2022.

SECTION 2. Section 773.112, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) The executive commissioner, in consultation with the department, shall conduct a comprehensive review of the rules adopted under this section every seven years.

SECTION 3. Subchapter E, Chapter 773, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Sections 773.125, 773.126, 773.127, and 773.128 to read as follows:

Sec. 773.125. ADMINISTRATIVE HUBS: DESIGNATION. (a) The department shall designate eight administrative hubs to provide administrative functions for each trauma service area regional advisory council located in the public health region served by the hub.

(b) A health care entity, including a trauma service area regional advisory council, in a public health region may apply to the department in accordance with department rules to be designated as an administrative hub for the trauma service area regional advisory councils in the public health region.

(c) An applicant must demonstrate the applicant has the personnel, knowledge, skills, and resources necessary to provide the administrative functions for each trauma service area regional advisory council in the applicant's public health region.

(c-1) An applicant must submit an initial application under Subsection (b) not later than September 1, 2018. The department shall designate a qualified applicant to serve as the administrative hub not later than September 1, 2019. An applicant designated to serve as an administrative hub under this subsection

1 shall carry out the duties imposed by Section 773.126 as soon as
2 practicable after the selection and not later than September 1,
3 2020. This subsection expires September 1, 2021.

4 (d) If a health care entity eligible to serve as an
5 administrative hub under this section has not applied for the
6 designation in a public health region, the department shall
7 designate the health care entity with the most appropriate
8 qualifications in the public health region to serve as the
9 administrative hub for that region.

10 Sec. 773.126. ADMINISTRATIVE HUBS: DUTIES. (a) Except as
11 provided by Section 773.128, an administrative hub shall perform
12 all administrative functions, including contract management, grant
13 application management, and payroll, for each trauma service area
14 regional advisory council under the hub's jurisdiction.

15 (b) The department shall directly contract with an
16 administrative hub for administrative duties provided by the hub as
17 required by this section.

18 (c) An administrative hub shall administer and distribute
19 funds to each trauma service area regional advisory council under
20 the hub's jurisdiction in accordance with department rules. In
21 adopting rules under this subsection, the executive commissioner
22 shall require that an administrative hub distribute funds according
23 to a trauma service area regional advisory council's population,
24 annual number of trauma care runs, geographic size, and annual
25 number of deaths.

26 (d) An administrative hub shall enter into a centralized
27 purchasing agreement with the trauma service area regional advisory

councils under the hub's jurisdiction to consolidate purchases for the trauma service area regional advisory councils as appropriate.

(e) An administrative hub shall submit to the department in the manner required by the department an annual report on the amount of money spent by the administrative hub in providing consolidated administrative services for the trauma service area regional advisory councils under the hub's jurisdiction compared to the amount of money that would have been spent if each trauma service area regional advisory council had provided its own administrative services.

Sec. 773.127. ADMINISTRATIVE HUBS: TRANSFER OF TRAUMA SERVICE AREA REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCILS. (a) A trauma service area regional advisory council may apply to the department in accordance with department rules for a transfer from the jurisdiction of the trauma service area regional advisory council's administrative hub to the jurisdiction of an administrative hub in an adjacent public health region.

(b) The executive commissioner shall develop criteria for determining whether an administrative hub has the personnel, knowledge, skills, and resources necessary to provide administrative support for a trauma service area regional advisory council applying for a transfer to that administrative hub's jurisdiction under this subsection.

Sec. 773.128. ADMINISTRATIVE HUBS: REQUEST BY TRAUMA SERVICE AREA REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL TO RETAIN CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS. (a) A trauma service area regional advisory council may file a written request with the department to

1 retain an administrative function that has been delegated to an
2 administrative hub. The request must include evidence that the
3 trauma service area regional advisory council has the personnel,
4 knowledge, skills, and resources necessary to perform the
5 administrative function in a more cost-effective manner than the
6 function is being performed by the administrative hub.

7 **(b)** The department shall grant the request and notify the
8 administrative hub of the department's decision if the request
9 includes sufficient evidence for the department to determine
10 whether the trauma service area regional advisory council has the
11 personnel, knowledge, skills, and resources required by this
12 section.

13 SECTION 4. The executive commissioner of the Health and
14 Human Services Commission shall adopt all rules necessary to
15 implement the change in law made by this Act not later than January
16 1, 2018.

17 SECTION 5. The change in law made by this Act applies only
18 to a contract executed on or after the effective date of this Act. A
19 contract executed before the effective date of this Act is governed
20 by the law applicable to the contract immediately before the
21 effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for
22 that purpose.

23 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.